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MEMORANDUM FOR:

VIA: Director of Information Services

FROM: Harry E. Fitzwater
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Memo of Appreciation

1. As Directorate of Administration Records Management Officer, you played a key role in supporting the U.S. Government's case against Ronald Rewald. Your skills in records management helped assure that the Office of General Counsel and Department of Justice prosecuting team had on a timely basis and in a secure manner all the information they required. This contributed substantially to the success of the prosecution's case and ultimately to the conviction of Rewald. In addition to bringing a criminal to justice, Rewald's conviction was a significant victory for the Agency since his defense consisted of false claims of Agency sponsorship of his activities. This victory was not without substantial cost to the Agency in financial resources and manpower. For more than two years, scores of Agency employees in all parts of the Agency working with the Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation spent considerable time and effort in applying their particular expertise in preparation of the Government's case against Rewald.

2. In addition to our usual problems of security, cover and compartmentation, this effort was further complicated by the fact that the proceedings and trial were held over 6,000 miles away in Hawaii. These difficulties notwithstanding, the Directorate of Administration's response to all requirements was timely, accurate, and complete whether it was for affidavits, testimony, records searches, copies of documents, equipment or secure communications.

3. Please accept my sincere appreciation for your part in this Agency-wide effort to bring a criminal to justice and at the same time protect sensitive Agency equities. It was truly a demonstration of the excellence that characterizes the support provided by this Directorate.

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